



City of Aberdeen
Economic Development Commission
July 17, 2019
8:00am-9:00am
Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the Aberdeen Economic Development Commission was called to order at 8:00 a.m., July 17, 2019 in the Council Chambers by Chairman Fidler.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Fidler, Dan Lambros, Chuck Jacobs, Dave Lynch, Steve Horne, Robert Lake, Peter Slusar

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Patrick McGrady

Phyllis Grover, Director of Planning and Community Development

Stefani Spector, Economic Development Assistant

Crystal Owens, Main Street Coordinator

Robert Andrews, Harford County Office of Community and Economic Development

Michael Lupacchino, Director APG FMWR

1. Treasurer's Report: Mr. Chuck Jacobs would send out the report at a later date
2. Update from the Department of Planning and Community Development:
 - A. Ms. Spector said she is applying to two federal grants: Our Town Grant and the EDA Grant. She asked for the support of the EDC and stated she may be coming to the Board with a monetary contribution.
 - B. Mrs. Grover stated the EOI was due on July 12 and she will have a report for the September meeting
 - C. Mrs. Owens, Main Street Coordinator spoke about activities in the Main Street. She stated she is hosting an Entrepreneur Expo in September, and will be doing a Shop Local event for Small Business Saturday
3. Update on Retail Attraction, Tom Fidler, MacKenzie Commercial
 - A. Mr. Fidler gave a recap on ICSC ReCON, where he spoke to retailers such as Ross, T.J. Maxx, and Pet Smart.
 - B. Mr. Fidler said Smoothie King will be moving into the Aberdeen Marketplace next to the Horizon Cinemas space. Mrs. Grover stated they received their permits last week.

- C. Tropical Smoothie Café is interested in the Bank of America building located in the Beards Hill Plaza
 - D. Mr. Fidler stated the retail perspective for Aberdeen is looking promising because there is potential for residential growth and job growth. Those are the two main criteria retailers look at, and there are other jurisdictions that are grossing 9% residential growth.
 - E. Mr. Fidler also said the hotel industry is reporting strong numbers for the Summer, indicating an 85%-90% occupancy rate.
4. Update from the Harford County Department of Community and Economic Development, Robert Andrews
- A. Mr. Andrews stated The MOU was signed by the previous APG Commander Randy Taylor for the construction of 715 and Perryman. Harford County is proceeding with the design
 - B. Mr. Andrews mentioned there was a change of command at APG with the new Major General Kilgo
 - C. The Roundabout construction will be complete in the next two weeks.
 - D. Mr. Andrews stated the Edgewood Study is almost finished
 - E. Mr. Andrews explained XPO secured another contract with Disney, and will be staying in their warehouse space
 - F. Mr. Fidler gave an update on the James Run project, stating they will have to build an underground channel for utilities, and it will stop at James Run. ‘
 - G. Mr. Andrews gave an update on Abingdon Woods, stating they are in the design and development stage
5. Other Business
- A. Mr. Peter Slusar introduced Michael Lupacchino, Director of APG FWMR. Mr. Lupacchino let the board know about two upcoming events. The concert series featuring Maddie & Tae will be held on August 8 and is open to the public. In addition, Oktoberfest is still in the planning phase, but there is a save the date for September 13 and 14. Mayor Patrick McGrady suggested to Mr. Lupacchino to consider hosting Oktoberfest at Aberdeen’s Festival Park and not inside the gate. Mr. Lupacchino said this is something that they may be interested in, and they will schedule a meeting to discuss.

NEXT MEETING IS SEPTEMBER 18, 2019 AT 8:00AM